

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I want to express my very strong opposition to removing the current regulations without a more indepth discussion and public discourse about the impact on our democratic opportunities.

If we believe that the "unseen hand" of market forces are going to make the media more responsive to my needs, then whoever controls the access to the media will control the content of civic discourse. The air waves belong to the public and should be managed carefully by our brightest and best leaders, not those with vast financial resources to protect. When corporate stock earnings are the guiding light of media decisions, then the best interest of the public is severely at risk.

I strongly urge the FCC, the Senate and the House to give this decision process more time.

Thank you,
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